

Claims:

Please cancel all of the claims of record and substitute new claims 18 through 38 as follows:

18. A method for defining loss coverage as a function of the recovery on an insurance policy:
 - (a) using a contract that enables an exchange of money between two parties, where the coverage buyer is someone other than an insurer or a reinsurer, whereby simple and cost efficient coverage may be provided for losses that are expensive to define or prove.
19. The contract of claim 18(a) that is structured as one or more provisions in any type of contract.
20. The contract of claim 18(a) where said contract's loss coverage is directly proportional to the losses recovered under said insurance policy.
21. The contract of claim 18(a) where said contract's loss coverage is not directly proportional to the losses recovered under said insurance policy.
22. The contract of claim 18(a) where said contract's premium bears a functional relationship to the premium charged for said insurance policy.
23. A method for defining loss coverage as a function of the recovery of an insurance policy:
 - (a) using a contract that enables an exchange of money between two parties, where the coverage buyer is someone other than an insurer or a reinsurer and the coverage seller is someone other than the insurer who underwrote said insurance policy, whereby simple and cost efficient coverage may be provided for losses that are expensive to define or prove.

24. The contract of claim 23(a) that is structured as one or more provisions in any type of contract.
25. The contract of claim 23(a) where said contract's loss coverage is directly proportional to the losses recovered under said insurance policy.
26. The contract of claim 23(a) where said contract's loss coverage is not directly proportional to the losses recovered under said insurance policy.
27. The contract of claim 23(a) where said contract's premium bears a functional relationship to the premiums charged for said insurance policy.
28. A method for defining collateral loss coverage as a function of the recovery on an insurance policy:
 - (a) using a contract that enables an exchange of money between two parties, where the coverage buyer is someone other than an insurer or a reinsurer, whereby simple and cost efficient coverage may be provided for losses that are expensive to define or prove.
29. The contract of claim 28(a) that is structured as one or more provisions in any type of contract.
30. The contract of claim 28(a) where said contract's loss coverage is directly proportional to the losses recovered under said insurance policy.
31. The contract of claim 28(a) where said contract's loss coverage is not directly proportional to the losses recovered under said insurance policy.

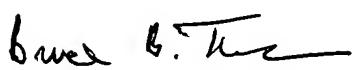
32. The contract of claim 28(a) where said contract's premium bears a functional relationship to the premium charged for said insurance policy.
33. A method for defining collateral loss coverage as a function of the recovery on an insurance policy:
 - (a) using a contract that enables an exchange of money between two parties, where the coverage buyer is someone other than an insurer or a reinsurer and the coverage seller is someone other than the insurer who underwrote said insurance policy, whereby simple and cost efficient coverage may be provided for losses that are expensive to define or prove.
34. The contract of claim 33(a) that is structured as one or more provisions in any type of contract.
35. The contract of claim 33(a) where said contract's loss coverage is directly proportional to the losses recovered under said insurance policy.
36. The contract of claim 33(a) where said contract's loss coverage is not directly proportional to the losses recovered under said insurance policy.
37. The contract of claim 33(a) where said contract's premium bears a functional relationship to the premium charged for said insurance policy.
38. A method for defining collateral loss coverage and calculating collateral loss premiums based on the terms of an insurance policy:
 - (a) using a contract that enables an exchange of money between two parties, where the coverage buyer is someone other than an insurer or a reinsurer, such that said exchange is determined by two functional relationships to said insurance policy, where one said functional relationship defines loss coverage as a function of the recovery under said insurance policy and the other said functional relationship

calculates the premium of said contract as a function of the premium paid for said insurance policy,
whereby simple and cost efficient coverage may be provided for losses that are expensive to define or prove.

Conditional Request for Constructive Assistance

Applicants have amended the specification and claims of this application so that they are proper, definite, and define novel structure which is also unobvious. If, for any reason this application is not believed to be in full condition for allowance, applicants respectfully request the constructive assistance and suggestions of the Examiner pursuant to M.P.E.P. § 707.07(j) in order that the undersigned can place this application in allowable condition as soon as possible.

Respectfully,



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